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Re:	USSN: 10/716, 310	CC:	University of South Florida (Assignee)

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Dear Examiner Therkom:

In response to the non-final office action mailed December 12, 2005, we enclose the following:

1. Amendment Transmittal with Certificate of Facsimile Transmission under 37 CFR 1.8(a) dated January 11, 2006 (1 page); and
2. Response to Election/Restriction Requirement (2 pages).

Very Respectfully,

Thomas E. Toner  
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## PATENTS

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

**In re Application of: Abdul Malik**

**Serial No.: 10/716,310**

**Filed: 11/18/2003**

**For: Sol-Gel Dendron Separation and Extraction Capillary Column**

Art Unit: 1723

**Examiner: Ernest G. Therkorn**

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**AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL**

1. Transmitted herewith is a Response To Election/Restriction Requirement for this application.

## STATUS

2. Applicant is an independent inventor.

### EXTENSION OF TERM

3. The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136 apply. Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

**SIGNATURE OF PRACTITIONER**

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Dear Sir or Madam:

Applicant responds to the nonfinal Examiner's action mailed December 12, 2005, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire January 12, 2006 as follows:

**RESPONSE TO ELECTION/RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Applicant elects to prosecute Group I claims 1/10, 18-25 and 28-29, drawn to a capillary column. This election is made without traverse.

## REMARKS

If an Examiner's Amendment would place the pending claims in condition for allowance, a telephone call to the undersigned at (727) 507-8558 is requested.

Very respectfully,  
SMITH & HOPEN

**Dated: January 11, 2006**

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